GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:396
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AIR SERVICES FROM CLOSED AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some airports have been closed in the absence of adequate flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether certain private airlines have shown interest in providing air services from those airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha () Starred Question No. 396 for 11.5.2006 regarding Air Services from closed airports.

(a) & (b) The airports at Aizwal (Turial), Akola, Hadapsar, Sholapur, Asansol, Bellurghat, Behala, Cooch Behar, Malda, Bilaspur, Chakulia, Donakonda, Cudappah, Warrangal, Dessa, Hassan, Mysore, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Jharsuguda, Jogbani, Muzzafarpur, Rauxal, Kailashar, Kamalpur, Khowai, Khandwa, Panna, Satna, Passighat, Rupsi, Shella, Vellore maintained by Airports Authority of India have been closed / are non-operational, a t present. Further, airports at Kandla, Tuticorin, Kota and Salem are declared as uncontrolled VFR airports due to no aircraft movements.

(c) & (d) Only M/s Air Deccan has shown interest for operations through Tuticorin, Kandla, Cooch Behar, Mysore and Akola Airports.

(e) On receipt o f the proposal from M/s Air Deccan, the man-power and other infrastructure at Kandla and Tuticorin have been retained. Operations have already been started from Tuticorin by Airports Authority of India. A joint inspection of Kandla airport has been carried out for commencement o f operations. Action has already been initiated for upgradation and improvement of infrastructure facilities at Cooch Behar, Mysore and Akola Airports for operation of ATR-42-500 class of aircraft.